

The York County Ag Preservation Program

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The York County Agricultural Land Preservation Board (YCALPB) is pleased to announce that Pennsylvania is about to preserve its 500,000th acre of farmland and continues to lead the nation in farmland acreage preserved. The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA) celebrated this monumental achievement following the State Review Board meeting in York County on October 16th! The meeting & celebration took place at the Flinchbaugh Farms Market and Orchard.

On November 19th, the YCALPB will be hosting a public meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the County Annex Building. The meeting will focus on educating the public about preservation and our program - focusing on our ranking process, what a conservation easement means, Ag Security Area (ASA) updates and the law, and conservation. Seating is limited. Please contact the Ag. Preserve Office at 717-840-7400 to reserve a seat.

During 2014, the YCALPB received 59 applications totaling 5,042 acres. Of these applicants, 30 applications met our minimum criteria and were ranked. The board has selected 12 farms for preservation so far this year and we are currently in the process of preserving those farms.

We are also in the process of updating our Ag Security Area records. Forty municipalities in York County have an Agricultural Security Area. We have finished our review of 24 of these municipalities and updates have been sent to each municipality for review and comment. So far, we have received responses from eight of those municipalities and look forward to hearing back from many more. Additionally we have compiled well over 300 ASA resolutions that have been recorded with the York County Recorder of Deeds. Our goal is to make sure that we, and each municipality, have accurate ASA information. ASA maps and data are available by municipality.

The York County Agricultural Land Preservation Board extends our greatest appreciation and thanks to Steve Gross for serving on our board for the last few years. Steve was a great board member to work with during his time serving. Thank you, Steve!

Landowner's wishing to apply for farmland preservation or get up to the moment news on their application status may call 717-840-7400.

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Useful Links and a Preservation Map now show all preserved farms within the county. See if any preserved farms are near you



The YCALPB has preserved 255 farms, covering 39,331 acres since program inception in 1989. The York County Ag Land Preservation Program continues to rank third in the state and ninth in the Nation for acres of farmland preserved. YCALPB Office Hours are 8 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday. We are located in the County Annex Building at 118 Pleasant Acres Road, York, PA 17402.